

PERSISTENCE



To Graduation

Monthly E-news from the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Student Success



National Suicide Prevention Month Coming Up!

September National Suicide Prevention Month. There are many ways you can promote this in your school. You can use the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline site](#) to generate logos, ribbons and other resources. Also, there is [a Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Packet](#) from the Jason Foundation that you can access for free.

Related, check out the new MHTTC [National School Mental Health Curriculum](#) is designed to be used by district teams to influence, develop, and oversee school mental health systems. It includes a trainer manual, participant manual, eight PPT slide decks (60 minutes each), and five recorded virtual learning sessions. The Curriculum is based on six core components: Educators and Student Instructional Support Personnel; Collaboration and Teaming; Multi-Tiered System of Supports; Evidence-Informed Services and Supports; Cultural Responsiveness and Equity; and Data-Driven Decision-Making.

Upcoming KDE Safe Schools Regional Trainings

The KDE Safe Schools Team will present [Safe Schools Regional Trainings](#) in the fall of 2019. The trainings will be in a 2-day format. You may [register](#) to attend any location that works best for you or only one day. If we have less than 30 people sign up for any location or training, we will cancel that offering. You will receive a confirmation email for each training. Please forward this registration to any other interested parties in your district. If you have any difficulties accessing the registration form, please call or email [Victoria Fields](#) at (502) 564-4772, ext. 4015.

Day One Full group: 8:30-3:30 (1 hour lunch). Topics include KDE Updates, Safe Schools Data, Suicide Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Child Trafficking, and Title IV, Part A, Safe and Healthy Students.

Day Two 8:30-3:30 (1 hour lunch). You can choose one of the three trainings offered: (1) Youth Mental Health First Aid (full day); (2) Trauma Informed Practices (full day) (3) Resiliency Skills for Educators: Techniques for Self-Care and Peer Support (1/2 day)/Cultivating Mindfulness for Educators (1/2 day).

Relevant Research, Practice Tips, and Briefs

60 Second Classroom Practice Video – Appreciation, Apology, Aha! View this [60 second video](#) from *Edutopia* that demonstrates a simple classroom practice that supports nurturing an open and connected classroom community.

Daring Classrooms: Bestselling author and researcher Brene Brown has created a [webpage](#) with many free resources (posters, videos, etc.) to support teachers and leaders in nurturing daring classrooms where adults are “guardians of spaces that allows students to breathe, be curious, and to explore.”

KY Minimum Graduation Requirements: Check out this reader friendly [article](#) in the Kentucky Teacher about all you need to know regarding the new graduation requirements.

Improving “Noncollege” Pathways to Building Skills and Successful Careers: [This report](#) released by the Committee for Economic Development (CED) explores alternative pathways and offers policymakers and business leaders specific tools to help these students successfully transition to the workforce. The report also looks at three tools to better serve those students whose initial entry into the workforce will not necessarily include a traditional college degree.

Youth Disconnection in America: Check out Measured Progress’s [report](#) about the latest youth disconnection data. This issue addresses how transportation impacts disconnection. You can view the data for state and metropolitan areas.

Congressional Hearing on Childhood Trauma: Watch the [oversight hearing](#) about the pervasive nature of childhood trauma in the United States and the needed efforts towards identification and prevention in systems.

The Emotional Labor of Teaching: This [article](#) from Edutopia describes the often ignored aspect of teaching – emotional labor, and describes the need for increased attention and systems change to address this aspect of teaching.

Headspace App now Free for Educators: The popular App [Headspace](#) is now free to educators. This app provides many resources to support cultivation of a peaceful state of being.

Free Kindness Curriculum for Pre-K-Kindergarten: The Center for Healthy Minds in partnership with a Public Television station has a [website](#) where you can access videos, materials, and learn more about the free 24 lesson kindness curriculum and associated research.

Which Stats Test: The [Which Stats Test](#) tool helps users discover the statistical analysis most appropriate for their data and research question. The tool will recommend a statistical technique and is free for anyone to use, regardless of subscription access to SAGE Research Methods.

Sept. 6, Novo Foundation Grant Applications Due: Education First/ NoVo will accept [applications for the 2019 Regional SEL Convening grants](#) to help district and school communities create a convening that builds educators’ and other adults’ capacity to meet students’ social, emotional and academic needs with an equity lens.

Applied Research in your school and district: Applied research is a collaborative inquiry process that can empower schools and districts to personalize approaches to problem solving and professional development. In [this article](#), you will learn what you need to know to get started.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

Webinars

Funding Social Emotional Learning in Schools: On [August 30th 12:30pm Eastern Time](#), the RAND Corporation will dive into how to get mental health in schools programs funded through the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Big Ideas Online Summit: The Join *Education Week* on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 1-3pm ET for a deep dive on upcoming big ideas in education. You can [register](#) for the Big Ideas Summit 2019.

KDE Standards Rollout Webcast Series: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will host a series of webcasts on the implementation of newly adopted standards geared toward district and school leaders. All webcasts will occur on Thursdays at 9 a.m. ET. You can access the live webcast by visiting the [KDE Media Portal](#) and clicking on the EdCast Video icon at the bottom of the page. The livestream will be on the home page. You can get questions answered during the webcasts using [GoSoapBox](#) with the access code OTL

Solutions to the Dropout Crisis Webcasts: *Solutions to the Dropout Crisis* webcasts are always offered free of cost, and no registration is required. Tune in the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM ET for new [Solutions to the Dropout Crisis](#), where you can also find recordings of previous webcasts.

Conferences and Activities

23rd Annual Kids are Worth It! Conference: This multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect prevention [conference](#) will be held on September 9-10 at the Lexington Convention Center. Two keynote sessions and over 38 workshops will cover topics such as internet safety, human trafficking, kinship care, substance abuse, child abuse investigation techniques and more.

Kentucky Association of School Counselors (KASC) Conference: KASC's annual conference is just around the corner! Conference sessions will be Sept. 10-11, with a variety of pre-conference sessions on Sept. 9, at the Lexington Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. This year's theme, "Together for a Brighter Future" will unite teacher, parents, administrators, and state leaders for the purpose of improving education for all students. Learn more on the [KASC website](#).

Continuous Improvement Summit: Join AdvancED|Measured Progress and the Kentucky Department of Education at the Continuous Improvement Summit Sept. 16-17 for practical information and inspiring stories to drive improvement. Learn how Kentucky educators and administrators apply research-driven insights to their unique educational environment. The featured keynote speaker will be education author Anthony Muhammed. The conference will be 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Lexington Convention Center. Visit the [AdvancEd website](#) to register.

Kentucky Conference on Leadership and Diversity: The Kentucky Conference on Leadership and Diversity will be Sept. 18-19 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. The conference is one of the largest of its kind in the region and the largest in the state. This

year's event has been expanded in scope and size and attracts business professionals, state agencies, university students and private sector professionals. Topics of discussion will include leadership development, diversity in the workplace, women in leadership, increasing disability awareness and job accommodation and addressing disproportionality in the court system. Visit [Ticketleap.com](https://www.ticketleap.com) to purchase tickets, or visit the [Kentucky Personnel Cabinet's website](#) for more information.

National Dropout Prevention Conference: The 2019 conference hosted by the National Dropout Prevention Center will take place October 5-8 in Denver, CO. The conference includes preconference sessions, keynote sessions, breakout sessions and networking opportunities. [Registration](#) is now open.

Kentucky Counseling Association: The Kentucky Counseling Association Conference will be held on November 13-15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, KY. The conference theme is Celebrating Human Resiliency. In addition to breakout sessions, there will be 3 hour and 6 hour workshops offered. For information and registration please visit the [KCA conference page](#).

Kentucky Association for Psychology in the Schools (KAPS): The [KAPS Fall conference](#) will be held November 13-15. Registration will be open soon. The [call for proposals](#) is currently open until August 30th.

KDE Evaluation Training for Administrators: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is the official provider for the 2019-2020 Initial Certified Evaluation Training for administrators newly assigned to the role of evaluator of certified personnel. The two-day training, including the assessment, is required per KRS 156.557 and 704 KAR 3:370. All new evaluators of certified personnel are required to attend. Visit the [Principal Partnership Project website](#) for information about dates and locations, and to register.

KDE also will provide a separate, one-day, six-hour update training for experienced administrators. Districts may choose to fulfill the requirement by applying for their own EILA certificates and providing the training in their district, but KDE is providing regional options for districts that choose not to do their own in-house training. Six hours of update training is required annually for all experienced administrators per KRS 156.557 and 704 KAR 3:370.

Any experienced evaluator of certified personnel who has completed the two-day Initial Certified Evaluation Training is qualified to attend. Visit the [Update Evaluation Training webpage](#) for more information about dates, locations and to register. There is no fee to participate in either training and the appropriate number of EILA credit hours – six for the update or 12 for the initial – will be awarded. Multiple training sites are located across the state. Advance registration is required. All trainings are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. local time.

We are grateful for you and your work!

If you would like to contribute any information (resources, celebrations, etc.) to this enews, please email judi.vanderhaar@education.ky.gov. Also, please share this link with your colleagues who might be interested in subscribing to the [Persistence to Graduation listserv](#) (right click to subscribe)